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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

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Application No. 09/783,338



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 22, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We were unable to locate a copy of the Uhlmann, Mirabelli, Puri, and Lin references relied on by the examiner on page 3 of the Examiner's Answer mailed August 8, 2003.

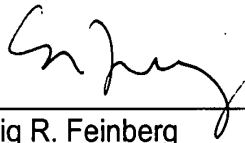
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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to locate the missing references (Uhlmann, Mirabelli, Puri, and Lin), have complete copies scanned into the IFW file, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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